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Good afternoon,

I wanted to bring to your attention a few updates regarding Bahrain.

1. Crowdfund Insider discussed "[Fintech Businesses and Startups in Israel, the UAE, and Bahrain Form Strategic Partnerships Following Signing of Abraham Accords.](#)"
2. The Jerusalem Post shared an article titled "[Bahraini journalist: We're looking forward to working with Israelis.](#)" It noted Ahdeya Ahmed al-Sayed, president of the Bahraini Journalists Association, who said she expects journalists from her country of Bahrain to play a very important and crucial role in promoting normalization with Israel.
3. Last week, King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Co-existence Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa [participated](#) in the Cultural Diplomacy Forum 2020. An article from the Bahrain News Agency wrote that Sheikh Khalid noted "that the Kingdom of Bahrain has for a long time been playing a pivotal role in linking the cultures of the East and West and creating common bridges between them which yielded a multicultural society consisting of many religions and ethnicities."
4. Earlier this month, His Majesty the King's Representative for Humanitarian Works and Youth Affairs, National Security Advisor and Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Affairs (SCYS) Chairman His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa received U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Arabian Gulf Affairs Timothy Lenderking. They [discussed](#) the U.S.-Bahrain strategic alliance and Bahrain's role in achieving security and peace in the world.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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